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## Schauer Announces \$550K in Transportation Grants

**LANSING**—State Senator Mark Schauer (D-Battle Creek) today expressed the importance of three Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) grants for projects in Calhoun County. The grants, totaling \$552,000, are part MDOT's Small Urban Program.

In response to MDOT's announcement, Sen. Schauer said, "Transportation infrastructure is an important stimulus for economic development. Investment in our roads is investment in both our business and quality of life. These road projects will also support construction jobs in our communities."

These grants were part of a \$15 million transportation package announced by MDOT today for small urban areas. Awarded to communities of between 5,000 and 50,000 people, the selected projects are intended to improve the safety and accessibility of Michigan's all-season road system. The funding must be used to improve federal-aid roads under the jurisdiction of a county or municipality and requires a 20% local match.

Two Calhoun County communities received awards for the following three projects:

**Marshall**—\$120,000 to resurface Marshall Avenue, from Michigan to Monroe, and Exchange street from Marshall to Green

**Marshall**—\$200,000 to relocate the intersection of Kalamazoo, Ventura, North and Linden

**Albion**—\$232,000 to reconstruct Ionia Street from River to E. Erie

"Our communities are on the right track. Their efforts will be enhanced by these road improvements," said Schauer.

These grants are made from federal funding distributed by MDOT through the Small Urban Program. The Small Urban Program aims to more evenly distribute federal dollars among communities that traditionally do not receive an even appropriation of Michigan's federal transportation funds.

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*Mark Schauer is the Senate Democratic Floor Leader. He represents the 19<sup>th</sup> Senate District, which includes all of Calhoun County and most of Jackson County.*